Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Claims 1-75 are pending.

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) [The method of claim 8,] A method for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

performing authentications to obtain authentication results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the corresponding authentication is successful;

combining the scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust;

responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding a first predetermined threshold, allowing a first level of access to a resource;

responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding a second predetermined threshold, allowing a second level of access to a resource; and

wherein the first level of access comprises reading the resource and the second level of access comprises modifying the resource.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) [The method of claim 1, further comprising:] A method for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

performing authentications to obtain authentication results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the corresponding authentication is successful;

combining the scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust;

receiving a request for an action, the action being associated with a predetermined minimum level of trust;

responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding the predetermined minimum level of trust, allowing the requested action to proceed; and

responsive to the determined level of trust not exceeding the predetermined minimum level of trust, denying the requested action.

13. (Currently Amended) [The method of claim 1, further comprising:] A method for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

performing authentications to obtain authentication results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the corresponding authentication is successful;

combining the scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust; and

presenting a list of allowable actions having minimum trust levels not exceeding the determined level of trust.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

receiving input specifying one of the presented actions; and

initiating the specified action.

Claims 15-32 (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) [The system of claim 31,] A system for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

an authenticator, for performing authentications to obtain authentication results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the corresponding authentication is successful;

a score combiner, coupled to the authenticator, for combining the scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust;

wherein the authenticator, responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding a first predetermined threshold, allows a first level of access to a resource, and, responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding a second predetermined threshold, allows a second level of access to a resource; and

wherein the first level of access comprises reading the resource and the second level of access comprises modifying the resource.

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Claim 34 (Canceled).

35. (Currently Amended) [The system of claim 24, further comprising:] A system for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

an authenticator, for performing authentications to obtain authentication results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the corresponding authentication is successful;

a score combiner, coupled to the authenticator, for combining the scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust; and

an action input device, [couple] coupled to the authenticator, for receiving a request for an action, the action being associated with a predetermined minimum level of trust;

wherein the authenticator, responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding the predetermined minimum level of trust, allows the requested action to proceed, and, responsive to the determined level of trust not exceeding the predetermined minimum level of trust, denies the requested action.

36. (Currently Amended) [The system of claim 24, further comprising:] A system for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

an authenticator, for performing authentications to obtain authentication results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the corresponding authentication is successful;

a score combiner, coupled to the authenticator, for combining the scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust; and

an output device, coupled to the authenticator, for presenting a list of allowable actions having minimum trust levels not exceeding the determined level of trust.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36, further comprising:

an input device, coupled to the output device, for receiving input specifying one of the presented actions; and

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a transaction manager, coupled to the input device, for initiating the specified action.

Claim 38-51 (Canceled).

52. (Currently Amended) [The computer-readable medium of claim 47, further comprising:] A computer-readable medium for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

> computer-readable code adapted to perform authentications to obtain authentication
>> results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the
>> corresponding authentication is successful;
> computer-readable code adapted to combine the scores for the successful
>> authentications to determine a level of trust; and
> computer-readable code adapted to, responsive to the determined level of trust
>> exceeding a predetermined threshold, offer a user a role for selection.

Claim 53-55 (Canceled).

56. (Currently Amended) [The computer-readable medium of claim 54,] A computer-readable medium for determining a level of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:

> computer-readable code adapted to perform authentications to obtain authentication
>> results, each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the
>> corresponding authentication is successful;
> computer-readable code adapted to combine the scores for the successful
>> authentications to determine a level of trust; and
> computer-readable code adapted to, responsive to the determined level of trust
>> exceeding a first predetermined threshold, allow a first level of access to a
>> resource, and, responsive to the determined level of trust exceeding a
>> second predetermined threshold, allowing a second level of access to a
>> resource;

wherein the first level of access comprises reading the resource and the second level

of access comprises modifying the resource.

Claims 57-72 (Canceled).

73. (Currently Amended) [The system of claim 70,] <u>A system for determining a level</u>
<u>of trust in an authenticated identification, comprising:</u>

<u>authenticating means, for performing authentications to obtain authentication results,</u>

<u>each authentication having a score, each result indicating whether the</u>

<u>corresponding authentication is successful; and</u>

<u>score combining means, coupled to the authentication means, for combining the</u>

<u>scores for the successful authentications to determine a level of trust;</u>

wherein the authenticating means, responsive to the determined level of trust

exceeding a predetermined threshold, offers a user a role for selection.

Claims 74-75 (Canceled).